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For: DNASE-ACTIVE PROTEIN)	

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete reply to the Requirement For Restriction mailed July 19, 1999,
Applicants respectfully elect Group III, i.e., claim 7, which is drawn to antibody against
DNase. This election is made with traverse.

Applicants respectfully request a modification of the requirement for restriction to
also include the Group V claim, i.e., claim 11 which is drawn to a method for the
prevention or treatment of a condition involving apoptosis using the antibody to the DNase.
In addition, Applicants respectfully request the consideration of Group VIII, i.e., claim 12
which is drawn to a method for the diagnosis of a condition involving apoptosis using the
DNase.

Applicants believe that it would not be an undue burden on the Examiner to elect two
or three groups of claims at this time. It would, however, place an undue burden upon the
Applicant to require nine separate divisional applications.